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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Phoenix Union High School District has over 25,000 students and each of those students depends on internet connectivity to conduct research and learn new skills. Without the Internet these students would not be prepared for life after graduation, which is why I write today. I ask that you support the efforts of a company called LightSquared. LightSquared wants to introduce next-generation wireless service with a satellite backup system across the country, including in the Phoenix area.

LightSquared is different from other wireless companies for two major reasons:

- LightSquared's innovative wholesale approach, through which it will sell its mobile broadband capacity to service providers who sell to customers, will help new competitors enter a market that currently has only a few players. Competition means better service and lower prices.
- With LightSquared's investment in a satellite component, its users will be able to maintain communications in emergencies even if terrestrial wireless and landline systems are compromised.

Clearly, having lower internet costs and the ability to communicate during emergencies would be very beneficial to our school district and many like it.

I understand that the GPS industry has voiced concerns that LightSquared's plans may interference with GPS receivers. LightSquared agrees that these concerns should be addressed, and as I understand it, the Federal Communications Commission has formed a Working Group to handling the matter. Therefore, I ask that you support the regulators in their effort to resolve any outstanding issues as quickly as possible so that our schools can begin to benefit from LightSquared's plans.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Kent P. Scribner, Ph.D.
Superintendent

CC: Senator John McCain
Congressman Ed Pastor